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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1366

**Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bonta)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cristina Garcia)**

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 68130.6 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1366, as amended, Lopez. Public postsecondary education: Dream Resource ~~Centers~~. *Liaisons*.

Existing law establishes the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state, including the University of California administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law provides that a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, as defined, who has attended high school in California for 3 or more years, who has graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent thereof, who has registered at or attends an accredited

institution of higher education in California not earlier than the fall semester or quarter of the 2001–02 academic year, and who, if he or she is an alien without lawful immigration status, has filed an affidavit, as specified, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges and the California State University.

This bill would, commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and would request the University of California, to ~~create~~ *designate a Dream Resource Centers Liaison* on each of their campuses, as specified, to assist certain students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. The bill would authorize Dream Resource Centers to offer support services, including but not necessarily limited to, state and institutional financial aid assistance, academic counseling, peer support services, psychological counseling, referral services, and legal services. The bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University ~~that is not required to have a Dream Resource Center~~ to ensure that it has a ~~designated~~ staff person *designated as a Dream Resource Liaison* who is knowledgeable in available financial aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students meeting specified ~~requirements~~, *requirements*, including undocumented students. By requiring community colleges to ~~create~~ *designate a Dream Resource Centers Liaison*, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would authorize the trustees, the board of governors, and the regents to seek and accept on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or donation whenever the gift and the terms and conditions thereof will aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resource Centers for their respective systems.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to increase enrollment and
4 graduation rates among students meeting the requirements of
5 Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular Session (Firebaugh,
6 Ch. 814) by requiring the creation of Dream Resource Centers at
7 public institutions of higher education.

8 (b) It is estimated that each year approximately 65,000
9 undocumented students graduate from high schools, and while
10 California has been a leader in enacting innovative and bold laws
11 to provide opportunities for undocumented youth to attain higher
12 education, only 20 percent of these students attend college. Many
13 undocumented youth and their families are unaware of recent
14 policy changes, such as the enactment of Assembly Bill 540 of the
15 2001–02 Regular Session, the California Dream Act of 2011, and
16 the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), that
17 make college graduation more attainable. Currently, the majority
18 of college campuses do not have a centralized location that provides
19 specialized support services and resources for students meeting
20 the requirements of Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular
21 Session.

22 (c) The creation of Dream Resource Centers would save staff
23 time and resources by streamlining all available financial aid and
24 academic opportunities for students meeting the requirements of
25 Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular Session. These Dream
26 Resource Centers would seek to empower and create a safe and
27 welcoming environment for those students. These centers would
28 increase enrollment, transfer, and graduation rates among this
29 population.

30 (d) A number of college campuses have acknowledged the needs
31 and challenges of these students and have created Dream Resource
32 Centers. These include: the University of California, Los Angeles;
33 the University of California, Davis; the California State University,
34 Los Angeles; the California State University, Fullerton; and the
35 California State University, Northridge. These centers provide,
36 among other things, informational workshops, legal clinics,
37 information on programs available to undocumented immigrants,
38 and peer mentoring and support services to increase awareness of

1 existing programs and available resources, enhance professional
2 development, and increase employment opportunities.

3 SEC. 2. Section 68130.6 is added to the Education Code, to
4 read:

5 68130.6. (a) Commencing with the 2017–18 academic year,
6 the California Community Colleges and the California State
7 University shall, and the University of California is requested to,
8 ~~create~~ *designate a Dream Resource Centers Liaison* on each of
9 their campuses, as specified in subdivision (b), to assist students
10 meeting the requirements set forth in Section 68130.5 by
11 streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic
12 opportunities for those students.

13 ~~(b) (1) (A) The California Community Colleges shall create~~
14 ~~Dream Resource Centers on any campus that has at least 500~~
15 ~~currently enrolled students meeting the requirements set forth in~~
16 ~~Section 68130.5.~~

17 ~~(B) Any~~

18 ~~(b) (1) Each~~ campus of the California Community Colleges
19 ~~that has less than 500 currently enrolled students meeting the~~
20 ~~requirements set forth in Section 68130.5~~ shall ensure that it has
21 a ~~designated~~ staff person *designated as a Dream Resource Liaison*
22 who is knowledgeable in available financial aid, services, and
23 academic opportunities for all students meeting the requirements
24 set forth in Section 68130.5, including undocumented students.
25 The Legislature encourages each of these campuses to place this
26 designated staff person in the campus' extended opportunities
27 programs and services office or financial aid office.

28 ~~(2) (A) The California State University shall create Dream~~
29 ~~Resource Centers on any campus where any of its local feeder~~
30 ~~community colleges meets the requirement in subparagraph (A)~~
31 ~~of paragraph (1).~~

32 ~~(B) Any~~

33 ~~(2) Each~~ campus of the California State University ~~where none~~
34 ~~of its local feeder community colleges meet the requirement in~~
35 ~~subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1)~~ shall ensure that it has a
36 ~~designated~~ staff person *designated as a Dream Resource Liaison*
37 who is knowledgeable in available financial aid, services, and
38 academic opportunities for all students meeting the requirements
39 set forth in Section 68130.5, including undocumented students.
40 The Legislature encourages each of these campuses to place this

1 designated staff person in the campus' ~~extended~~ *educational*
2 opportunities programs and services office or financial aid office.

3 (3) The University of California is requested to ~~create~~ *designate*
4 a Dream Resource ~~Centers~~ *Liaison* on each of its campuses.

5 (c) Dream Resource Centers may offer support services,
6 including, but not necessarily limited to, state and institutional
7 financial aid assistance, academic counseling, peer support services,
8 psychological counseling, referral services, and legal services.

9 (d) (1) This section shall not be construed as requiring the
10 construction of a new or separate space for Dream Resource
11 Centers.

12 (2) Dream Resource Centers may be housed within existing
13 student service or academic centers.

14 (3) *The space in which the Dream Resource Liaison is located*
15 *may be deemed a Dream Resource Center.*

16 (e) Notwithstanding Section 11005 of the Government Code
17 and any other law requiring approval by a state officer of gifts,
18 bequests, devises, or donations, the Trustees of the California State
19 University, the Board of Governors of the California Community
20 Colleges, and the Regents of the University of California may seek
21 and accept on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or
22 donation whenever the gift and the terms and conditions thereof
23 will aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resource Centers
24 for their respective systems.

25 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
26 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
27 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
28 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
29 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.